

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 3, 2008. In that Office Action the Examiner rejected claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, and 13 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that the applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner also objected to claim 1 because of a typographical error. The applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 5, and 10. Claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12 and 13 are now pending in the application.

The applicants have amended claims 1, 2, 5, and 10 to overcome the rejection of claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, and 13 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter that the applicants regard as the invention. With respect to the rejection of claim 1, the applicants have amended the limitation "forwarding a modified response including the network element identifier," to "forwarding a modified response including the extension network element identifier." Accordingly, the rejection of claim 1 is believed to be overcome and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. With respect to the rejection of claim 2, the applicants have amended claim 2 to clarify which TL1 message is referred to in the claim. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 2 is believed to be overcome and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. With respect to claim 5, the applicants have amended the claim to correct the complained of lack of antecedent basis. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 5 is believed to be overcome and withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested. Lastly, claim 10 has been amended by the applicants

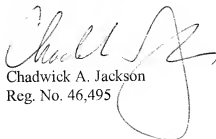
to correct the defects recited in the Office Action. These amendments are believed to overcome the rejection of claims 1-6, 9, 10, 12, and 13 under 35 USC §112 as well as the object to claim 1.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 50-4545 (5302-004-US01).

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, all of the Examiner's rejections to the claims are believed to be overcome. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance for all the claims remaining in the application. Should the Examiner feel further communication would facilitate prosecution, he is urged to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below.

Respectfully Submitted,



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